

Community ready for Rheinland Pfalz Days

Military plays traditional roll during annual state fair, garrison adds food, entertainment

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Rheinland Pfalz Days are upon us. Community residents may have already noticed the buildup of areas in town and a general increase in activity throughout the community. Preparations for the annual Rheinland Pfalz state fair will continue throughout the following week until opening day, June 29. The fair runs June 29 through July 1 but some participants, such as SWR Television, will begin their activities June 28.

SWR television will begin broadcasting live with games and entertainment June 28 at 11:30 a.m. from the lake in downtown Baumholder.

Other participating radio and television stations include Rockland Radio, Big FM and RPR 1. Each one will have their own stage located around the downtown areas.

Given that Rheinland Pfalz Days are happening right in the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder’s “back door,” the garrison’s Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering American style food topped of with the down home, rowdy, rock-a-billy, blue grass and a little bit of tear-in-your-beer sounds of “Mattposs and the Wild Bunch.” The rowdiness of will be unleashed from 6-8 p.m. June 29 at the

military railhead, better known as Quartermaster Kaserne.

Rheinland Pfalz Days traditionally has military involvement and this year is no exception. Not only will Baumholder’s 2nd Brigade Combat Team and 1st Armored Division be participating, there will also be displays by the U.S. Air Force and German military. All military displays will be located at Quartermaster Kaserne.

Baumholder lake will be the focal point for all other Rheinland Pfalz Days activities. The individual stages and activity areas will be grouped around the lake with self contained event areas. Each stage is walking distance from the others and for the first time, there will be a ferris wheel at a Rheinland Pfalz state fair. From the top of the ferris wheel, visitors will have a unique view of the lake, the town and all the stages and activity areas.

PAO has programs

Maps and event schedules are available at the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder Public Affairs Office in Building 8698, across from the post exchange. They can be reached at mil 485-1600 or civ (06783) 6-1600.

For military members and their families, these three days will present a challenge when it comes to moving around

in the community.

An attempt to drive through the front gate of Smith Barracks will not be possible because the gate will close to all vehicle traffic

June 29 and will remain closed until about 6 p.m. July 1. The gate will only be open for pedestrians.

Entering Smith Barracks will only be possible by taking a big detour around Baumholder in the direction of Idar-Oberstein, turning into the military training area near Reichenbach and then proceeding through the training area in the direction of the North Tank Trail Gate. The gate will be open 24 hours throughout the three-day fair.

Wetzel may see delays

A note of caution for Wetzel residents, it is conceivable that if they leave their residence on any of those three days for a trip to Landstuhl, Ramstein or Vogelweh, they may experience a long delay getting back home as the Polizei will close the road leading to Wetzel from the direction of Freisen once the parking area across the street from Wetzel housing fills up.

Iron Man Crossing Gate will also be open but at some point, most likely from



noon to 6 p.m. July 1 while the parade is in progress, may not be accessible for inbound traffic. Consequently, traffic exiting Smith Barracks via Iron Man Crossing Gate will also come to a standstill while the parade is in progress.

Because driving conditions will become a real challenge over these three days, U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder officials recommend that residents do all their necessary Base Exchange and Commissary shopping, or any other shopping for that matter, early and avoid driving during those three days.

During the closing parade July 1 from about noon to 6 p.m., all traffic will come to a standstill for about six hours or until the parade has ended.

One area community members should avoid on all three days is the corner of Kennedyallee and Aulenbacher Strasse. That’s the intersection near the main gate where the stoplight is located. Shuttle busses will use the triangle area next to the stoplight throughout the three days to turn around as they drop off and pick up visitors who have parked their vehicles outside of town.

Parade begins at noon

The parade, which begins at noon July 1, will make one enormous loop around Baumholder. It will begin near the railhead and proceed up on Aulenbacher Strasse and make a right on Kennedyallee.

It will go the entire length of Kennedyallee and continue on Hauptstrasse and then a short distance on Kuseler Strasse before veering to the left on Mambächler Strasse.

Finally, the parade will turn right on Ringstrasse and loop all around the south end of town, passing the Rech hardware store, the old tennis hall and McDonalds. It will continue on Ringstrasse through the stoplight at Berschweiler Strasse and finish up at the rail head, where, if all goes well, the last float in the parade will be entering Aulenbacher Strasse and proceeding up to Kennedyallee as the first float finishes the parade route.

The bottom line is that there will be inconveniences, as can be expected when 100,000 people congregate in an area with only 4, 800 residents.

| Facility | Friday, June 29 | Saturday, June 30 | Sunday, July 1 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| AAFES Furniture Warehouse | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Army Career Assistance Program (ACAP) | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Army Community Service | Open until noon | Closed | Closed |
| Arts & Crafts | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| CDC-Dispensary | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Central Issue Facility (CIF) | Open until noon | Closed | Closed |
| Central Processing Facility | Open until noon | Closed | Closed |
| CYS administration/central enrollment | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Dental clinic | Open until 11:30 a.m. | Closed | Closed |
| Food Service Workers Management | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Hall of Champions | Open until 1 p.m. | Closed | Closed |
| HAZMAT Collection | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Health Clinic | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| ID Card Section | Open until noon | Closed | Closed |
| KP Management | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Local Works Council | Open all day | Closed | Closed |
| Maneuver Control | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Mountaineer Gym | 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Outdoor Rec | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Property Book Office (PBO) | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Rheinlander Club | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Rolling Hills Activity Center | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Self-Service Supply Center (SSSC) | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Staff Judge Advocate (JAG) | Open until noon | Closed | Closed |
| Strikers Bowling | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Teen Centers | Closed | Open until 6 p.m. | Closed |
| TRANSCAR Shipping | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Transportation - Personal Property | By appointment only | Closed | Closed |
| Troop Issue Subsistence Activity (TISA) | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Vehicle Registration (Also closed 3 p.m. June 28) | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Video store at Rheinlander | Closed | Closed | Closed |

Closures, detours during state fair

The activities and events surrounding Rheinland Pfalz Days June 29 through July 1 will have a significant impact on the Baumholder military community.

The greatest challenge will be driving around Baumholder during the fair. Because fair organizers expect up to 100,000 visitors throughout the three days, it is advisable to just park and not drive for three days.

- The most significant closure will be that of the main gate to Smith Barracks. The gate will close at noon June 29 and will remain closed until 6 a.m. July 2. The gate will, however, remain open to pedestrians all three days.
- Another major closure will be L-176, the road at the bottom of the hill from Shooters. The entire stretch of L-176 from the traffic light at Kennedyallee to L-348, the bypass road that leads to Idar-Oberstein, will be closed all three days.
- Driving in and out of Smith Barracks during Rheinland Pfalz Days will only be possible via the North Tank Trail Gate or Iron Man Crossing Gate. Both gates will remain open throughout the three days.

Rheinland Pfalz Tag, or Rheinland Pfalz Days, is the annual state fair for the Rheinland Pfalz and one of the highest attended events that the state hosts each year. The official host of the fair is Minister President of Rheinland-Palatinate, Kurt Beck.



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Down home rowdy country sounds

The down home, rowdy, rock-a-billy, blue grass and a little bit of tear-in-your-beer sounds of “Mattposs and the Wild Bunch” will be the American contribution to Rheinland Pfalz Days. The rowdiness of will be unleashed from 6-8 p.m. June 29 at the military railhead, better known as Quartermaster Kaserne.



Map guide

- The blue dots mark the names of the stages and their location.
 - The white chef’s hat marks the location of the food village.
 - The light blue lines show all the walkways that will be established.
 - The purple line shows the parade route on July 1.
 - The red dots on Bahnhofstrasse and Brühlstrasse show the location of the “market of the cities and counties.”
 - The light brown areas are activity and display areas near stages.
 - The yellow areas mark additional display areas.
- To get more of an idea of what the three days will entail, go to www.rlp-tag.de

AFN K-town takes over Baumholder support

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Baumholder’s AFN Radio and Television signal will switch from AFN Hessen to AFN Kaiserslautern June 25. This change will provide Baumholder residents with pertinent news and information about their local Baumholder and Kaiserslautern military communities as opposed to Hessen and other geographically separated communities.

For on-post residents, except for hearing different DJs and more local information, the switch from Hessen to Kaiserslautern will be transparent.

Off-post residents who own AFN television decoders will have to make one minor change. If they want to hear or see the Kaiserslautern and Baumholder information, they should switch from AFN Atlantic Prime, which is channel two on the decoder box, to channel 19, which carries all the same programming from the Prime Atlantic channel. “The noticeable difference will be that in some of the spot breaks it’ll have the Kaiserslautern and

Baumholder information. Off-post viewers will be able to keep up with what’s happening in both communities by watching Channel 19,” said Gerard Cormier, AFN Kaiserslautern station commander.

For on and off-post viewers, they will start seeing more information about the Kaiserslautern military community and Baumholder. “They won’t be seeing things for communities that are so far away that it’s impractical for them to get to. That’s going to be the biggest change for TV,” said Cormier.

For radio, the morning DJ and the afternoon DJ will change and some of the spots people will start hearing will be Kaiserslautern military community and Baumholder military community information. “Those are the two biggest changes. I would encourage anyone in the Baumholder area who is curious about AFN K-town and who our DJs are to go to our website afneurope.net/kwiserslautern,” said Cormier.

For people living off post, if they pick up the radio signal, then they’ll hear the change in DJs and they’ll hear the change in command information that’s coming across in the local spot breaks. The radio frequency will remain the same, 106.1.

“Logistically it makes more sense to have AFN K-Town covering the Baumholder community because we’re so close to each other,” said Cormier. “Baumholder and K-Town are maybe a half hour or 45 minutes apart and there’s a lot of crossover between the two communities.

“People in Baumholder come down here to go shopping and there are a lot of people who live in this area who work up in Baumholder so it makes a lot of sense to have those two communities being served by the same station because the information that will go back and forth between the two communities about events that are happening would be valuable to both of those communities,” said Cormier.

The proximity of AFN K-town to Baumholder will also inevitably increase the amount of exposure Baumholder will receive on radio and television. “With AFN Hessen having to cover Baumholder, it was a longer trip so it does make more sense to have AFN K-Town covering Baumholder. K-Town and Baumholder also have closer ties,” said Cormier.

Youth offered array of summer activities

June 21

There’s youth sponsorship bowling from 5-7 p.m. at Strikers. Bring money for lanes and shoe rental.

June 22

A Bostalsee day trip is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants should meet at the Underground. Bring 2 Euro for entrance plus spending money. A permission slip is due by June 15. There will be a movie night afterwards at the Teen Center.

June 23

A Europa Park trip departs at 6 a.m. from the Underground parking lot. The cost is \$40 and

participants should bring euros for spending money. There is a maximum of 45 participants and sign-up deadline is June 17.

June 27

Paintball is set from 1-4 p.m. Participants should meet at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$30 and a permission slip is needed by June 26.

June 28

There’s youth sponsorship bowling from 5-7 p.m. at Strikers. Bring money for lanes and shoe rental.

June 29

A WarCraft tournament is planned from 5-11 p.m. at the teen center. The cost is \$3.

June 30

Swimming is scheduled at Monte Mare Kaiserslautern. The cost is \$35 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 16 participants and the sign-up deadline is June 23.

July 3

A trip to Heidelberg is being planned. More information will be provided at a later date.

July 7

The trip to Phantasiland costs \$35 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 45 participants and the sign-up deadline is June 30.

July 9-13

A trip to Camp Darby, Italy with day trips to Rome, Venice, and Pisa is scheduled. The cost is \$300 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 45 participants and the sign-up deadline is July 7.

July 14

Swimming is offered at Calyspo, Saarbrücken. The cost is \$15 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 16 participants and the sign-up deadline is July 7. Departure is at 9 a.m. from the

Underground parking lot.

July 21

A rope course is being planned. More information will be provided at a later date.

July 24

A trip to Strassburg, France is in the works. More information will be provided at a later date.

July 26

Fishing and barbecue at the Outdoor Recreation lake is being offered. The cost is \$3 and more information will be provided at a later date.

July 28

There’s a Skate Park competition and barbecue from 1-6 p.m. The cost is \$3 and more information will be provided at a later date.

Teen center moves

The Smith Teen Center will relocate in June to Building 8875 in the Wetzel housing area. Contact your local CYS administrative office at mil 485-7003 or civ (06783) 6-7003 for more information.

Postal

Post office closure

The Baumholder and Strassburg post offices will be closed June 29 for an organizational day.

The postage to mail a first class letter now costs 41 cents. The change in rates will also affect other items being mailed. Stop in at the post office to learn more about the new rates.

Hours of operations for Baumholder’s post office are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Customers who have five or more packages to mail should make an appointment by calling mil 485-8771/7551 or civ (06783) 6-8771/7551 during duty hours. Appointments are from 8:15-9:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; and Friday and Saturday, 8-8:45 a.m.

Hours of operation for the Strassburg post office are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The post office is closed from noon-1 p.m. hours for lunch.

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4th of July

Starts at noon

Fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

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(indoor & outdoor activities for children of all ages)

Special performances by the band "Edison" and "The Night Fire" USAREUR Rock Band on stage

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4th of July celebration set

In the wake of Rheinland Pfalz Days, the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder continues the celebration with a traditional Fourth of July Celebration for the Baumholder military community and it's guests.

Highlights for the day include a keg tapping ceremony, live musical entertainment, fireworks and more.

The action begins at noon in the parking lot in front of the Hall of Champions with the keg tapping ceremony followed by the sounds of "Night Fire," a rock specialty group from the USAREUR Army Band.

The rock band "Edison" is also on the program.

Karaoke and a gong show with get the crowd involved in the day's activities.

There's also field activities, relays and games at Minick field.

For the children, there's a bouncing castle, arts and crafts rides and more.

It's a Fourth of July celebration so naturally there will be lots of food and drinks as well. On the menu are hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, sodas, beer and more. The festivities come to a close with a fireworks display at 10:30 p.m.

The feature band "Edison" focuses on an ever-endangered brand of underground rock and roll spirit. Their sound and unique lifestyle produces a hard-driving rock and roll sound.



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Tell us your concerns

Sheila Casey, wife of Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff of the Army, listens to the concerns of Family Readiness Group leaders during a luncheon at Baumholder's Rheinlander Club May 31. She told FRG leaders and other family members present that she and her husband wanted to hear how they thought the Army could improve the quality of life for family members and Soldiers so that they could pass this information to congress. While Mrs. Casey met with family members, General Casey addressed Soldiers, U.S. civilians and other community members at Baumholder's Wagon Wheel Theater.

Health and fitness

Mountaineer classes

Mountaineer classes, free until July 15

Monday, cardio, 9-10 a.m.,

Wednesday, toning, 9-10 a.m.

Friday, mix it up (a mix of cardio/toning), 9-10 a.m.

New massage prices

Relax with a certified masseuse at the Rolling Hills Athletic Club. Sports, Wellness, and Fitness Massages are now available. Choose from Swedish, Deep Tissue, Hot Stone Therapy, Combination, Specific, Reflexology, and Couples massage. A 60-minute session

costs \$50 per person and a 30-minute session costs \$35 per person. Call to schedule your appointment at mil 485-6156 or civ (06783) 6-6156, payment is due at time of reservation, credit cards accepted over the phone.

Fitness classes

The following classes are offered at the Rolling Hills Athletic Club:

Monday, lunch Crunch (ab and back class), 12:15-12:45 p.m. (no class July 2)

Monday, spinning, 4:15-5:15 p.m. (No class July 2)

Monday, spinning, 6:45-7:45 p.m. (No class May 28)

Tuesday, Thursday, water aerobics, 7-7:45 p.m. (no class June 26, 28 and July 3, 5)

Wednesday, Thursday, spinning, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Pain in the Butt (lower body class), 12:15-12:45 p.m. (no class June 29)

New classes

New classes beginning July 3 at the Rolling Hills Athletic Club

Tuesday, spinning, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, core performance, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, spinning, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Autohaus Schäfer

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